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REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 14, 16-17, 20, 24-30, 34, and 36-37 have been amended in this response. Claims 39-40 are canceled in this response. No new matter has been added.

Telephonic Interview

On September 1, 2005, applicant's attorney conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner. The Examiner agreed that the Jammes reference does not teach or suggest extracting data relevant to a query directly from a non-database arranged structure. However, the Examiner indicated that the unamended independent Claims could be interpreted broadly enough to be anticipated by the indirect process taught by Jammes.

Although no consensus was reached, this amendment addresses the concerns raised by the Examiner during the teleconference, and places all of the independent claims in condition for allowance. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed in detail below, the pending Claims are now patentable over the art of record and this application should be moved to issue at the earliest possible convenience.

Rejection of Claims

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-17, 19-21, 24, 26-30, and 32-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,484,149 to Jammes et al. ("Jammes"). The Office Action found that Jammes teaches all of the claimed limitations of independent claims 1, 11, 17, 27, and 34.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to performing a database-structured query upon a non-database structured arrangement of data, but also to extracting the data from a non-database structured arrangement of data directly based on the determined web domain address and on the database-structured query. This limitation is clearly not disclosed nor suggested by Jammes, or by any of the other references cited by the Office Action.

In contrast, Jammes discloses an indirect process that employs an intermediate step associated with a template file for executing a database query on and extracting data from a

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database-structured arrangement of data (i.e., a production information database). The product information database disclosed in Jammes is clearly a database structured arrangement of data. See Jammes, Col. 9, lines 9-18. Also see Jammes Col. 9, lines 65-66 describing the product information database as a relational database. Thus, for at least these reasons Jammes does not teach or suggest amended Claim 1.

Additionally, independent Claims 11, 17, 27, and 34 have been amended to include limitations similar to amended Claim 1, albeit different, and are now in condition for allowance for at least substantially the same reasons.

Amended claims 11, 17, and 34 further recite additional limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited Jammes reference. For example, amended claim 11 recites, among other things, "locating the data relevant to the query based on the web domain address, wherein at least a portion of the data is located based on the web domain address provided by the database-structured query." (emphasis added).

In contrast, Jammes teaches using a URL to find the query script that specifies a query to be performed on the product information database. See Jammes, Col. 46, lines 9-16. When a Jammes user selects a hyperlink included in a web page, a web browser generates the message requesting a web page related to the hyperlink. See Jammes, Col. 46, lines 9-16. Jammes merely provides a URL with the request. The web domain address is not provided by the database-structured query as is claimed in amended claims 11, 17, and 34. Thus, for at least this other reason, Jammes does not anticipate nor make obvious amended independent Claims 11, 17, and 34.

In regard to Claims 2-10, 12-16, 18-26, 28-33, are 35-38, which are dependent on amended independent Claims 1, 11, 17, 27, and 34, respectively, they are allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above for those independent Claims. Therefore, all of Claims 1-38 are now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible convenience.

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CONCLUSION

By the foregoing explanations, Applicant believes that this response has responded fully to all of the concerns expressed in the Office Action, and believes that it has placed each of the pending claims in condition for immediate allowance. Early favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is urged. Should any further aspects of the application remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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